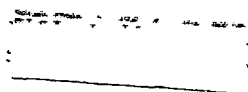


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Feb 20, 2019

Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

Share your own thoughts with the SC Public Service Commission:. I
live off a disability check and I have been on disability since 2001.
It wasn't my choice to be disabled but I have to live with it as best I
can. So the necessities of living in this world with disabilities is
medication, a home with power and water and internet in today's world
is taking mostly all my check. What is left is for groceries and as an
elderly person we need to eat healthy but can't afford it. I'm sure
there are many more like me. So think about your parents or others whom
gotten back to sick with no choice in working anymore and what we have
to deal with in this life.

Sincerely,
Lisa Fowler